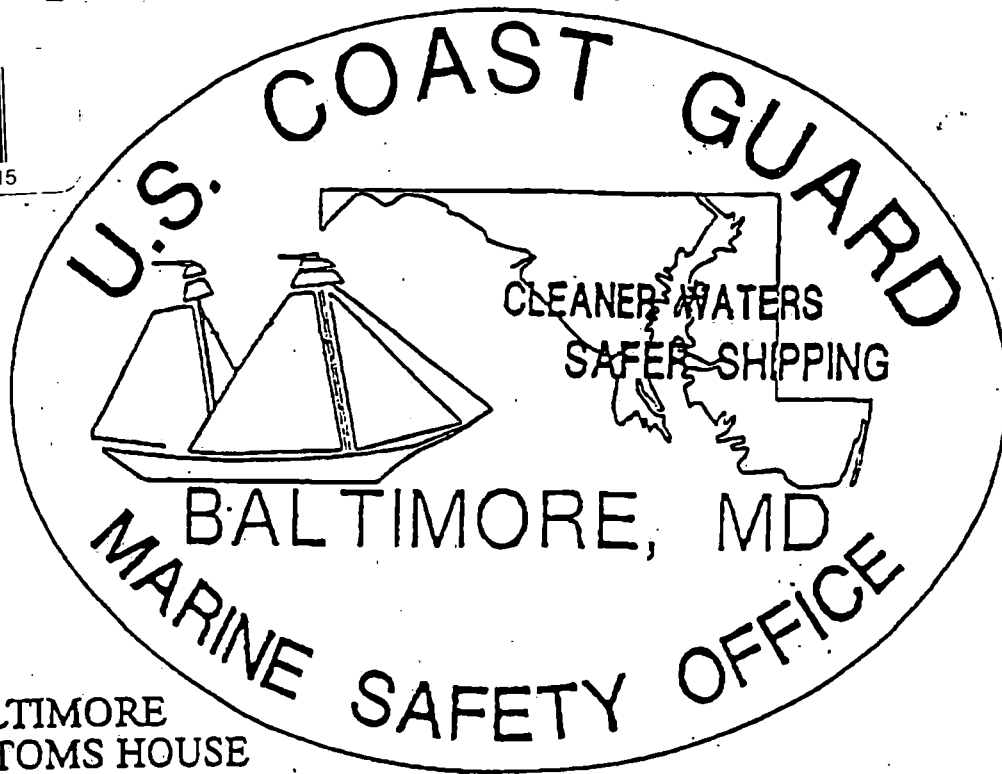




SEMS DocID

2330115

ORIGINAL  
(RED)

MSO BALTIMORE  
U.S. CUSTOMS HOUSE  
40 S. GAY STREET  
BALTIMORE, MD 21202  
PH (410)962-5100,5105  
FAX (410)962-0930

## FAX COVER SHEET

TO: DOUG FOXPH:                     FAX:                     FROM: CLAUDIA GELZERCOMMENTS: POLREP ONE AINSWORTH PAINTNUMBER OF PAGES: 2 (INCLUDING COVER SHEET)

ORIGINAL  
(RED)

NC DE MB

P 231925Z FEB 95

FM COGARD MSO BALTIMORE MD

TO CCGDFIVE PORTSMOUTH VA//MEP/M/CC/DPA//

INFO COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC//G-MEP//

COGARD NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER WASHINGTON DC

COGARD NSFCC ELIZABETH CITY NC

COGARD AST FORT DIX NJ

ZEN/EPA REGION THREE PHILADELPHIA PA

ZEN/MD DOE HAZ SUBSTANCE RESPONSE DIV BALTIMORE MD

ZEN/MD DOE OIL CONTROL PROGRAM BALTIMORE MD

ZEN/MD DNR BALTIMORE MD

ZEN/US FISH AND WILDLIFE SVC ANNAPOLIS MD

ZEN/NOAA SSC EAST LANSING MI

ACCT CG-W2GERC

BT

UNCLAS //N16465//

SUBJ: POLREP ONE, POTENTIAL MEDIUM/LOW PROBABILITY, SEVERAL HUNDRED 55-GAL AND 1-GAL DRUMS (EXACT COUNT UNKNOWN) OF VARIOUS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AT ABANDONED PAINT COMPANY, AINSWORTH PAINT & CHEMICAL CORP., 3200 E. BIDDLE ST., BALTIMORE, MD, MSO BALT PCN01051-95.

## 1. SITUATION:

A. 221630R, MSO BALTIMORE RCVD NOTIFICATION FROM MDE OF PAINT FACTORY (ABANDONED APPROX. FOUR YEARS AGO) WITH HUNDREDS OF 55-GAL AND 5-GAL DRUMS CONTAINING VARIOUS HAZMAT, SEVERAL VATS CONTAINING PAINT RESIDUES, AND SEVERAL HUNDRED CANS OF PAINT, SOME LEAKING, INSIDE BUILDING.

B. MDE HAS LOCKED FACTORY'S FRONT GATE, AND SITE REMAINS STABLE. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED SINCE ABANDONMENT. EPA FOSC HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY MSO BALTIMORE THAT HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AT AINSWORTH PAINT & CHEMICAL MAY POSE A SUBSTANTIAL THREAT REQUIRING EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND REMOVAL IF SITE IS DISTURBED.

C. O/S WX: SKYS OVERCAST, WIND OKTS, SEA N/A, TEMP 50F.

## 2. ACTION TAKEN:

A. 230830R, MSO REPS ARRIVE AT MDE TO DISCUSS CASE.

B. 230900R, REPS FROM FBI AND EPA ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES ARE NOTIFIED OF CASE.

C. 230945R, MSO REPS ARRIVE O/S WITH MDE AND BALTIMORE CITY FIRE DEPT. FACTORY IS LOCATED NEAR RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY.

D. 231000R, INSPECTION OF SITE COMMENCES. FACTORY IS ENCIRCLED BY CHAIN-LINK FENCE. SEVERAL DOZEN EMPTY 55-GAL DRUMS ARE IN PARKING LOT SURROUNDING ABANDONED CO. TRUCK.

E. 231010R, INSPECTION TEAM ENTERS FACTORY AND OBSERVES THE FOLLOWING: APPROXIMATELY 75 5-GAL DRUMS AND SEVERAL HUNDRED 55-GAL DRUMS CONTAINING NITRO CELLULOSE, VINYL CHLORIDE, XYLENE, ISOPROPANOL, STYRENE, ORGANIC PEROXIDE, PETROLEUM ETHER, ACETONE, ETHYL ETHER, METHANOL, ALUMINUM PASTE, BUTEROL, ISOPROPYL, RESIN SOLUTIONS; GLASS BOTTLES OF CRYSTALLIZED BENZENE, NITRIC ACID, IODINE MONOCHLORIDE; APPROXIMATELY 20 VATS CONTAINING HAZMAT RESIDUES; TWO UNDERGROUND AND SIX ABOVEGROUND TANKS CONTAINING MINERAL SPIRITS, NAPHTHA, TOLUOL, XYLOL; AND SEVERAL HUNDRED PALLETS OF PACKAGED CANS CONTAINING PAINT.

THERE IS EVIDENCE OF VANDALISM IN THE FACTORY AND SEVERAL DOZEN PAINT CANS HAVE BEEN SPILLED ON THE FLOOR.

F. 231100R, INSPECTION OF FACTORY COMPLETED. MSO REPS DEPART SCENE.

G. 231230R, MSO REPS RETURN TO FACTORY TO ASSESS SECURITY OF FENCE

AND PHOTOGRAPH SCENE. SEVERAL BREACHES DISCOVERED IN FENCE.  
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN INSIDE TORY.

H. 231355R, MSO CONTACTS EPA FOSC DOUG FOX TO DISCUSS FINDINGS  
AND

RECOMMEND REFERRAL TO EPA AS FOSC. EPA AGREES TO CONDUCT ON-SITE  
ASSESSMENT ON 24 FEB 95.

3. FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. ANTICIPATE POLREP TWO AND FINAL ONCE EPA HAS INITIATED  
REMOVAL.

4. CASE PENDING.

BT

NNNN

ORIGINAL  
(RED)

◆  
----- Initials ----- Initials ----- Initials -----  
FAC

-----